

**CITY OF KANKAKEE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I would like to call the meeting to order. We will start with a prayer by Minister Cloyd Bryant from Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church and go on to the pledge of allegiance by the Kankakee High School Lady Kays Track and Field Team Members.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**TIM NELLS:** I am here for a follow up in the Chrislin Subdivision.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you. Moving on to Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **PRESENT:** Tetter, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
**ABSENT:** Brown  
(13) Present (1) Absent

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you. Department Heads.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **PRESENT:** Kosman, Schuldt, Kubal (*entered meeting at 7:12 P.M.*), McGrath, Schiel, Piggush, Nelson, Bertrand, Schmitz, Hoffman, Ellexson, Koehler, Brewer-Watson.  
Thank you.

**MINUTES**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Moving on to the minutes for Monday, June 3rd, 2019.  
Motion to approve.

**ALD OSENGA:** So move.

**ALD TETTER:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any edits or corrections? All in favor?

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Opposed same sign...motion carries. There are no Petitions. Moving on to Item 8A Communications we have a presentation.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

**ITEM 8A:** Presentation to honor Kankakee Fire and Police Department Personnel for their life saving efforts.

**CHIEF SCHULDT:** Personnel that is here actually had two saves. One in March and one in May. These individuals responded to a patient that was down in the home with no pulse or respiration and they were able to restore the pulse and respiration in the ambulance and that patient has recovered and is back at home and doing very well. The next incident was similar, it happened May 15<sup>th</sup>, in Kankakee on arrival the patient was not breathing. They restored a pulse...and one before taking the patient to the hospital. Great job, Great Team effort. We want to include the Police Officers that was performing CPR until the paramedics arrived.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Moving on I would like to combine Items 8B, 8C, and 8D.

**ITEM 8B, 8C, 8D:** B. Riverview Historic District Board of Directors is Requesting Street Closure to Host the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Kid's Bike Parade on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 10:00 A. M. until 12:00 P. M.

C. Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church is Requesting Street Closure to Host the Vacation Bible School Parade 2019 on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 2:30 P. M. until 3:15 P. M.

D. Kankakee Public Library is Requesting Street Closure to Host the Summer Reading Family Fun Day on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 9:00 A. M. until 12:00 P. M.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** If there are no objections, may I have a motion to approve?

**ALD GALL:** I make that motion.

**ALD OBRIEN:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Gall and Seconded by Alderman O'Brien. All in favor?

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 8E.

**ITEM 8E:** Rosetta Garner is requesting a Noise Permit at Jag's Bar to Host the Red, White, and Blue Day Party on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 1:00 P. M. until 11:00 P. M. with a rain Date of Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to approve?

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** So move Mayor.

**ALD PRUDE:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded by Alderman Prude. All in favor?

**COUNCIL:** Aye

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Opposed...Motion carries.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**ITEM 9A:** Budget Committee – Alderman O'Brien.  
The meeting was held on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.  
Highlights include: Old Business...The purchase of an Ambulance, we also discussed the City's financial condition, discussed a company that modernizes payroll which is something the City is considering implementing in conjunction with this year's budget and the rest of the meeting was dedicated primarily to this year's budget where we were at that point with the draft which was a negative variance of approximately -\$385,000.00 that has shrunk. We have a budget meeting tomorrow at 5:30 P. M. everyone is welcome to attend. We have made progress since then. That is the summary of our May meeting.

Building & Code Committee – Alderwoman Malone Marshall. The meeting was held on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. There is a correction to the committee minutes, the meeting was called to order by myself not Alderman Crawford. Highlights include: discussion of stray cats not being picked up by animal control and computer software Code then we ran out of time...(inaudible)...

Economic Development Committee – Alderman Tetter and Code (Special Meeting). The meeting was held on Thursday, May 23, 2019. Economic Development Highlights include: The Tractor Supply business that broke ground on the 308...the two TIF's, Marycrest Bowling Alley potential purchase interest, Proposal for 113 and the developers will be at our next Economic Development meeting. We ended with updates on the opportunity zone. Alderwoman Malone Marshall: We continued with Executive Session to discuss the negotiations of the Code Contract prior to our Council meeting.

License & Franchise – Alderman Curtis  
The meeting was held Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.  
Highlights include: information from three Representatives; Aqua, Nicor Gas and Comcast. Aqua Water gave us information on the new water line from Cobb Blvd to CSL anticipating it to take place in the next two years. Melissa also shared water line repair/replacements taking place this year along Schuyler Avenue, West Ave near St Mary's Hospital, and Hickory & Court. Aqua is also in the design stages of a line replacement on West Williams. Bernie from Nicor addressed the project on Court Street, Harrison, & Indiana Avenue replacing about 30,000.00 feet gas main...completed by October or November of this year. He also addressed the new main down by Cobb Park...he will bring 2 – 3 alternative designs to the City and the Park District before any decision is made. Comcast discussed pending agreement that will be acted on tonight. Also, he brought to our attention an Internet Essentials Program for \$9.99 monthly for District 111 family's that qualify.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you. Moving on to Item 10A approval of the bills.

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**ALD FAFORD:** I move that we approve the report of officers, place the money in the in the proper accounts and pay the bills in the amount of \$120,916.22.

**ALD LEWIS:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion made by Alderman Faford and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion? Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall (abstain from check # 75063), Malone Marshall, Prude  
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion Carries. We have no Unfinished Business.  
Moving on to Item 12 New Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM 12A:** Recommendation to accept the Engineering Proposal from Piggush Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$6,160.00 for Construction Staking for the Riverstone Parkway Road Improvement Project.

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** This is the construction staking for item E that will be acted on later in this section for Riverstone Parkway. The original parkway was not built for Walmart, it was built 7-8 years before Walmart came. We have been having issues at that intersection that caused potholes in the roadway. This is to improve that section on the Eastside going to that cul-de-sac from a 3 inch to a 12 inch section which matches the section in front of Walmart.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to approve?

**ALD SWANSON:** I so move.

**ALD FAFORD:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman Faford. Any discussion?

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Malone Marshall, Prude

**ABSTAIN:** Gall  
(12) Ayes (1) Abstention (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12B.

**ITEM 12B:** Ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee by the addition of Article VII to Chapter 30 Establishing standards for the construction of facilities on the Rights-Of-Way (*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*).

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passing of the ordinance.

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** I so move.

**ALD TETTER:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any discussion? Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** This follows the plan the stat submitted that was approved by the Attorney General's office....it is going to require certain ADA improvements based on restoration that is done by Utility companies...

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the Ordinance on final passage?

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** I so move.

**ALD TETTER:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any discussion? Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Now moving on to Item 12C.

**ITEM 12C:** Ordinance providing for the Protection of Cable and Video Customers and adding Article V to Chapter 22 of the City Code (*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*).

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passing of the ordinance...

**ALD CURTIS:** So move.

**ALD COBBS:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Curtis and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. Any discussion? Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

**MIKE MCGRATH:** This is just an ordinance to adopt the cable and video customers protection...it provides for penalties if the cable company does not fix the issues. The city has to give the cable company notices about any issues. The cable company has 30 days in which to rectify the issues, if not, it sets...by state statute.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the Ordinance on final passage?

**ALD CURTIS:** So move.

**ALD COBBS:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Curtis and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. Any discussion? Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Item 12D: Ordinance Declaring certain property surplus of the City of Kankakee – Police Department – and Authorizing the Sale Thereof. I spoke with Chief Kosman before the meeting started, I think some wires got crossed and he requested to have it pulled from the agenda to take a closer look at it with his department and he will bring it back to us. If no objections, we will pull this one off. Moving on to Item 12 E.

**ITEM 12E:** Recommendation to Award the Bid in the amount of \$529,410.56 to R&R, INC. for Riverstone Parkway Road Improvement Project, PEI JOB No. 18076

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** As I previously stated, this is the ward for the Bid opening for Riverstone Parkway Road Improvements. The bidding was held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at City Hall and there were four bidders. We are recommending R&R of Bradley, Illinois.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to approve the recommendation?

**ALD SWANSON:** I will make the motion.

**ALD FAFORD:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman Faford. Any discussion? Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. We have no appointments. Moving on to Item 13.

### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ITEM 13A:** Proclamation Declaring June 2019 As Healthy Homes Month. The Executive Director of CDA asked that this be included (*Resolution read by the Mayor*).

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to approve the Resolution?

**ALD COBBS:** I make a motion to approve.

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Cobbs and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. All in favor?

**COUNCIL:** Aye

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13B

**ITEM 13B:** Resolution Honoring the Kankakee High School Lady Kays Track and Field Team on their Successful 2019 All City, Indoor, Conference, Sectional and State Division Champions (*Resolution read by the Mayor*).



**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to approve the Resolution?

**ALD GALL:** So move.

**ALD COBBS:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Gall and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. All in favor?

**COUNCIL:** Aye

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Opposed same sign...motion carries.

**AYANA SMITH:** Thank you all so much. Coach...was not able to be here...he sends his thank you and his gratitude. We have four shirts to give. The shirts the ladies are wearing states, "You Know Who We Represent". On the back it states, "Change the Culture". The point of changing the culture is to change the environment of the Kankakee High School incorporating a friendly environment and staying focus. We have a shirt for Madam Mayor, Chasity Wells-Armstrong, Fire Chief Schuldt, Police Chief Kosman and Alderwoman Stacy Gall. I would just like to thank Alderwoman Stacy Gall for her efforts in helping me get everything on the agenda, as well as, Executive Assistant Nichelle and Amy. I wanted to get the girls acclimated to how the City works.

**OLETHA GRANT:** There is a correction here, I am the Assistant Coach and ...as well...she is the Junior High Track Coach but she will be coming to the High School. Thank you.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Coach Grant can you make sure to contact my office so we can get this corrected? Moving on to Item 13C.

**ITEM 13C:** Resolution in recognition of Retired Educator Eugene Wachholz.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I have some personal history with Mr. Wachholz, my 31 year old son started preschool at St. Paul on Butterfield Trail and Mr. Wachholz was a teacher there. Both of my children attended Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Alderman Curtis has children there and Elizabeth has children there. He has been a staple at St Paul's teaching for 54 years along with other positions. We want to take the time to

honor you (*Resolution read by the Mayor*). May I have a motion to approve the Resolution?

**ALD CURTIS:** So move

**ALD COBBS:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Curtis and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. All in favor?

**COUNCIL:** Aye

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Opposed same sign...the Resolution is approved. Moving on to Item 13D.

**ITEM 13D:** Resolution Authoring the City of Kankakee to proceed with the Improvement Plans for the Schuyler Avenue Street Scape Plan, PEI JOB NO. 180737.0301.

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** This is merely a formality, updating the IDOT Permit and the work in the Right-of-Way regarding the Street Scape Improvements. This also includes the work Aqua is doing on Schuyler which is also within the Court Street Right-of-Way...acknowledging applying for a permit.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to approve the Resolution?

**ALD O'BRIEN:** So move

**ALD CRAWFORD:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman O'Brien and Seconded by Alderman Crawford. Roll Call..

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. We have no appointments. Moving on to Item 13E.

**ITEM 13E:** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Cable Television Franchise Agreement between Comcast of California/Colorado/Illinois/Indiana/Michigan, L.P. and the City of Kankakee.

**MIKE MCGRATH:** This is a standard Franchise Agreement with Comcast that has been reviewed and approved by my office and many Municipalities throughout the State of Illinois and other states listed on the Resolution. The Illinois Municipal League has also reviewed and approved this agreement.

**ALD CURTIS:** This was reviewed by the License & Franchise Committee and agreed. Comcast requested one change, it should be LLC., not L. P. and with that correction, I make the motion.

**ALD OSENGA:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Curtis and Seconded by Alderman Osenga. Roll Call..

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. There is no Executive Session tonight. Moving onto Aldermen Comments.

#### **ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMEN COMMENTS**

**ALD CURTIS:** There will not be a License & Franchise meeting in July due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The next meeting will be August 6th.

**ALD TETTER:** I will not be at the next Economic Development meeting. It will be chaired by Alderwoman Gall.

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** I just want to invite everybody to come the Code meeting on Thursday, June the 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M....we will have a presentation by Tinker Parker and ...from the Humane Society. They will present on the services they have to offer. Also, Mike Hoffman and the Capital Team will do a presentation on the flood plain Ordinance.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Department Heads updates. Neil...

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** Update on the Street Scape Project, it's moving along nicely on the East Side of the Street. Our anticipation is that we will have the South two blocks paved and open for the Music Fest. There may be some miscellaneous items to complete after on Merchant but for the most part. MFT bid

opening next week. Duane Blvd improvements are complete in the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward and our final Street Scape Coordination is tomorrow at 5:30 P.M. at the Depot.

**FRANK KOEHLER:**

I was going to mention the same thing...Schuyler Street scape and Depot. I will be out of the office on Thursday. I will be at the Illinois Economic Development Association Conference in Bloomington Normal.

**PETE SCHIEL:**

Mike McGrath and I have been in touch with the residents of the Chrislin Subdivision. We know that the property just north of the subdivision is causing some issues. We will continue the process and go ahead and draft a letter to the property owners to see if they can come up with a resolution. Neil and I along with Mike McGrath will go through that process and see what the best direction is. Mike McGrath did come up with something in the Ordinance related to flooding.

**BARBI BREWER-WATSON:**

We are ready to launch all of our communication and you will start seeing some marketing from CDA regarding all of our Home Programs. Please share with your constituents, with people you know and within your network.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I just want to remind everybody to follow up with Maya now that we have our new Council in place, she will get pictures of everybody to get photos taken. I want to thank Alderman O'Brien and the Budget Committee. We had about 11 members attend the meeting. We had a TIF discussion during the last Budget meeting that was very productive. The Attorney has drafted documentation for the River Front...the property owner that we discussed...he has sent that information over to the owner. We are waiting to hear from him as we move forward. East Court TIF will take more time. The next Budget Committee meeting is tomorrow June 18<sup>th</sup>. Aqua's warning was for Will County not Kankakee County. University Park had lead levels that exceed...If committee meetings fall on a holiday please reschedule to keep business flowing. The Police Department spoke with the Public Safety Committee about a grant due June 25<sup>th</sup> and a resolution will be needed. This grant fits with United Initiatives.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to adjourn?

**ALD LEWIS:** So move.

**ALD MARSHALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Lewis. Seconded by Alderwoman Marshall. All in favor aye?

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Opposed same sign. We are adjourned.